

Remarks:

Applicants are amending Para. [0026] of the specification to remove minor typographical errors, and to incorporate the references disclosing examples of suitable torque limiters by reference into the specification. In accordance with a Notice (1268 O.G. 125) in the Official Gazette of March 25, 2003, this Preliminary Amendment, including the incorporation by reference statement, is filed on the filing date of the above-captioned patent application. Therefore, no new matter is added by the foregoing amendments.

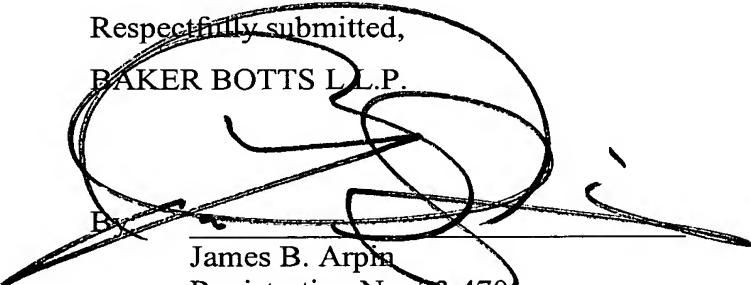
Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully submit that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an interview with Applicants' representatives, either in person or by telephone, would expedite prosecution of this application, we would welcome such an opportunity. Applicants believe that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

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